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1 – ADEQ moving forward with new air testing law despite concerns, KATV ABC, 6/10/13

<http://www.katv.com/story/22552216/adeq-moving-forward-with-new-air-testing-law-despite-concerns>

The director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality says a new state law will put the state's air quality regulations at odds with federal law and the consequences could be painful to state economic development.

2 - Arkansas pipeline spill casts shadow over Keystone XL, LA Times, 6/07/13

<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/05/nation/la-na-arkansas-pipeline-20130606>

On warm spring evenings, North Starlite Drive buzzed with children. They cycled around the cul-de-sac at the end of the wide, block-long road, shot baskets in driveways and inevitably wound up on the swing set and trampoline behind the Bartletts' large brick house. These days, there are no children.

3 - Attorneys General Warn EPA over 'Sue and Settle' Fracking Regulations, Heartland Institute, 6/11/13

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2013/06/11/attorneys-general-warn-epa-over-sue-and-settle-fracking-regulations>

Concerned that a threat of litigation by six northeastern states could give the Environmental Protection Agency cover to regulate hydraulic fracturing at the federal level, attorneys general from 13 energy-producing states have sent a letter to the agency upholding state primacy in overseeing fracking.

4 - What happens in the backroom of a sue-and-settle lawsuit?, Washington Examiner, 6/9/13

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/what-happens-in-the-backroom-of-a-sue-and-settle-lawsuit/article/2531305>

Is Big Green running things in President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency? Wake up and smell the corruption.

5 BP oil spill cleanup ending in Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, Coast Guard and BP say, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 6/10/13

http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2013/06/bp_oil_spill_cleanup_ends_in_m.html

The [U.S. Coast Guard](#) and [BP](#) announced Monday that the company will end active [Deepwater Horizon oil spill cleanup operations](#) in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida by mid-June. A Coast Guard news release also said future response efforts in those states, if needed, will no longer be led by its Gulf Coast Incident Management Team, which will continue to oversee cleanup efforts in Louisiana.

6 - Continued GOP/Vitter opposition threatens confirmation of Obama's EPA nominee, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 6/10/13

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/06/continued_gopvitter_opposition.html

[Gina McCarthy](#)'s nomination to head the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) remains on hold because of continued opposition by Republicans led by Louisiana Sen. [David Vitter](#).

7 - Devon Energy Corp. executive receives environmental award, The Oklahoman, 6/10/13

<http://newsok.com/devon-energy-corp.-executive-receives-environmental-award/article/3843020>

Devon Energy Corp. Executive Chairman Larry Nichols on Friday was awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's Phoenix Award for building the Devon Energy Center on a formerly polluted brownfield site.

8 - Error leads to worries, temporarily, about Ponchatoula water quality, 6/10/13

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6778799a9d7c49948434fb2e068a254d/LA--Ponchatoula-Water>

Ponchatoula officials say an error in the state's collection or testing procedures caused worries among some residents that the city's water contained levels of a chemical far in excess of that considered acceptable by environmental officials.

9 - Frisco's Exide cleanup to go on despite Chapter 11 filing, Dallas Morning News, 6/10/13

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/headlines/20130610-friscos-exide-cleanup-to-go-on-despite-chapter-11-filing.ece>

Battery maker Exide Technologies is seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as it attempts to restructure its U.S. business.

10 - Program providing homeless, unemployed with job opportunities, 6/10/13

<http://www.thv11.com/news/article/268316/2/Program-providing-homeless-unemployed-with-job-opportunities>

Armed with a \$200,000 grant, an Arkansas non-profit is currently training homeless adults and other unemployed individuals in the skills they need to become environmental technicians, capable of performing the cleanup of toxic sites in their communities.

11 - Texas A&M-Qatar Announces First Holder Of Chair In Green Chemistry And Green Engineering, 6/10/13

<http://tamutimes.tamu.edu/2013/06/10/texas-am-qatar-announces-first-holder-of-chair-in-green-chemistry-and-green-engineering/>

Texas A&M University at Qatar and Qatar Fertilizer Company (QAFCO) have announced a collaboration to bring a world-recognized environmental expert to Qatar. U.S. environmental policy and green chemistry expert Paul Anastas has been recognized as the first holder of the QAFCO Chair in Green Chemistry and Green Engineering at Texas A&M-Qatar.

13 - Two Louisianans named to Gulf advisory group, BR Advocate, 6/11/13

<http://theadvocate.com/news/6191602-123/two-louisianans-named-to-gulf>

Starting in July, a new advisory group to the National Academy of Sciences' Gulf of Mexico program will help decide what a new \$500 million, 30-year program will do.

14 - Texans fret over pollution threat at abandoned wells , Greenwire 6/11/13

<http://theadvocate.com/news/6191602-123/two-louisianans-named-to-gulf>

Texas landowners and residents are worried about lingering pollution caused by hydraulic fracturing at thousands of abandoned oil wells scattered across the state.

15 - Experts urge Texas to focus on Mexican aquifers, Greenwire, 6/11/13

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/06/10/stories/1059982554>

At least 20 aquifers span the U.S.-Mexico border, and they're being mined at a record pace.

16 - GAO Says Demand for Chemical Assessments Is Unclear, EPA Lacks Strategy to Meet Needs, BNA, 6/11/13

http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=32048924&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d9g1n6r9&split=0

The Government Accountability Office said in a [report](#) June 10 that the Environmental Protection Agency does not know how many chemicals its offices, regions, or outside parties need evaluated through its Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program.